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#### N. R. P. A.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

The Washington Post says: "Senator Jarvis is said to be another 'platform Democrat.' Does anybody know what a 'platform Democrat' is?

The commencement exercises of Goldston Academy will be held on May 11th. C. M. Cook, Esq, of Louisburg, is expected to deliver the literary ad

We just know that the Alliance is growing. The spouting of little 1th party spouters in the | party newspapers is sufficient proof. They are getting scared.

Hon, Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, says: "I have taken hold of this reform work and do not intend to lay it down until I finish it or it has finished me." Here is our pr, Tom.

The latest plutocratic lies started on the rounds are that England has lost \$25,000,000 running the telegraph business of that country, and that Italy has lost \$40,000,000 operating the rail roads. Both statements bear the impress of falsehood.

Three Democratic Senators have died within a month, Colquitt, Vance and Stockbridge. They have dallied with the "chance" until the majority is getting slim in the Upper House. Saddest of all, the Senators who have died are among the best.

Now and then we feel like making the startling, but welcome announcement that the world is growing better. The Illinois courts are after the American Tobacco Trust and a Missouri court has decided that future dealing "is gambling pure and simple."

The Virginia Sun tells the exact truth in the following paragraph: "Renewals to the Sun are coming in quite encouragingly, but occasionally a note comes from a broken-hearted farmer: 'Please stop my paper; times are so hard I can't afford to take it.' He ought to write: 'Please continue my paper; times are so hard I must have it to help me along."

two by four officeholders and others dred years in this matter. In his report for consent." Our assertion was someof Senator Vance. In the past six months these people have called him of hard things about him, but now they are foremost in honoring the man after abridge the quantity of the circulating information of its readers? he is dead. We do not include the real friends of Senator Vance, the people who consistently stood by him. We are talking about pap suckers and of a scanty circulation." Thomas Jefone-horse monopolists.

"Brick" Pomeroy says that he was the discoverer of "Peck's Bad Boy." now Gov. George W. Peck, of Wiscon- that the mint must stand upon both least 10,000 or 15,000 additional sub- these questions of finance, whether the sin. He says: "I was publishing my Democrat at La Crosse, Wisconsin, be- to offer? Its party was a free coinage | ple want information; they want light. fore the war, when I noticed, in an ob- party while yet in its infancy. In one They wish to see public questions disscure country newspaper, some ex- year, 1888, we think, twenty-nine State cussed in a bold, fair and impartial ing to this effect; they did not need him, offering him \$25 a week to come sort of "North Carolina campaign"

The International Bi metallist Conference opened at London last Wednesday. Prominent bankers were present from all parts of Europe and the United States. We have no faith in any financial suggestions made by bankers, especially the class of bankers who attend these meetings, but what some of them say is of public interest. They are like our Senators and Congressmen, they can make some everlastingly good speeches, but there it all ends.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, Ex Secretary of Ireland, and a one horse Lord, such as England produces, in the course of the discussion, said that he did not believe that government regulation of coinage if it were done in the direction of mak ing it more stable and a fairer measure of value, could be justifiably opposed. The nations of the world were, he said, standing face to face with a great danger which could only be averted by the rehabilitation of silver to its proper commercial function. In order to do this inter-national action was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Balfour said that there were three questions with which bi metal lism had to cope They were these Was a double standard possible? Was it just? Was it expedient? Scientists and economists answer these questions with an overwhelming "yes." He would not say whether the closing of the Indian mints was a wise step, but he did not doubt that it was the most The date on your label tells you striking attempt that a civilized government had ever made to solve a monetary difficulty that was directly due to mono metallism.

Mr. Balfour said he saw signs of a change in English opinion. The lead ing commercial men had abandoned their former past hostility to bi metallism and come to the conclusion that the only way to meet the grave danger, was to restore silver to its former place as a circulating medium.

Col. William C. You, Later, Breck enridge says he is bound to be re elected. We don't know about that. But we do know that similar records have not defeated other Congressmen. North Carolina has as good people as any other State, and her voters have never drawn the line, and, besides that, the monopolists want just such men in office, and they are going to get them as long as the people act the fool.

### CHICAGO SILVER PLANK AGAIN

Our analysis last week of that part of the Chicago platform declaring for free coinage of silver was too much for the Charlotte Observer. The only defense attempted by that paper in its issue of the 3rd was to charge us with "gross inaccuracy" and "unblushing garbling." Its leading editorial, nearly a column long, starts off as follows: "We are frequently struck with amazement at the recklessness of statements which characterize The Progressive FARMER, the official organ of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance." The reason is very plain, for the Observer finds a great many solid gobs of truth in this paper, and when they are contrasted with the stuff the average gold bug newspaper publishes, or that which it does not publish, the gobs of truth appear to be reckless statements. But our editorial did contain one

statement that may be termed a reckless one, and we are glad the Observer discovered it. "The Democratic platforms have not declared in favor of free coinage for thirty years." Since looking up the platforms we find that it for years. The writer voted the the plank. Democratic ticket twice believing it to mint in 1791, Alexander Hamilton, medium, and is liable to all the objections which arise from a comparison of the benefits of a full, with the evils ferson, daddy of the Democratic party. agreed with Hamilton, and in a letter home in the State? If not you ought a reserved force to check silver legislasaid: "I concur with you in thinking to be at work. We ought to get at tion, was secured to the minority on metals." Now, what has the Observer scribers in the next two months. Peotremely clever paragraphs. I learned Democratic platforms declared for free that Peck wrote them, and I wrote to coinage. But it seems that it was a down to La Crosse and work for me. business, for votes only, and didn't Let every man begin anew to spread sternest opposition to a return to the The next day I got this telegram: amount to anything. On the first day this paper. Get reformers to read it free coinage of silver, and whose re-'Mark M. Pomeroy, La Crosse-I ac- of last September, Senator Vance made so they may be armed, and others so corded opinions would be their plat

BALFOUR FOR BI-METALLISM. that speech he said "all parties have professed to favor bi mettalism."

> While we were mistaken about the platform declarations "in favor of free coinage for thirty years," we contend that the party has been committed to free coinage all the time. Thirty years carries us back to 1864. In that year the Democratic platform has nothing to say on the silver question. But when we come to think about it, silver was not demonetized until 1873, hence there wasn't much to say. However, the silence may be construed to mean approval of free coinage, then existing. In 1868 the platform said: "One currency for the government and the people, the laborer and the officeholder. the pensioner and the soldier, the producer and the bondholder."

As free coinage was then in operation it is evident that the party gave silent approval. In 1872 the Democratic party adopted the "Liberal Republican" platform and again gave silent approval to free coinage. Silver was demonetized in 1873 and the next National Democratic Convention was held in 1876. The platform denounces the Republicans for "locking up the property of an industrious people in the paralysis of "hard times," and says: "Reform is necessary to establish a sound currency, restore the public credit, and maintain the national honor." It is plain that the party knew what brought on the trouble, but as it had been partly to blame for the demonetization, it was too cowardly to take a positive stand. Yet we had a "North Carolina campaign" that year and the demonetization of silver furnished a club for the orators from the mountains to the seashore. In 1880 the Democratic platform had this in the third plank: "Home rule, honest money, consisting of gold and silver, and paper, convertible into coin on demand." "Honest money" meant both gold and silver, and free coinage for both. The Democratic platform adopted in 1884 had this plank: "We believe in honest money, the gold and silver coinage of the Constitution, and a circulating medium convertible into such money without loss." "The gold and silver coinage of the Constitution" meant free coinage, and at the legal rate of 16 to 1. No other construction can be put upon it. The platform of 1888 contained no silver plank, consists mainly of praise for Grover Cleveland, but says: "We renew the pledge of 'our' fidelity and reaffirm the platform of 1884, hence it included the free coinage plank of that year. The platform for 1892 contained the following:

"We denounce the Republican legis-1890 as a cowardly makeshift, fraught of slandering his party. with possibilities of danger in the future which should make all of its supporters, as well as its author, anxuse of both gold and silver as the the coinage of both gold and silver without discriminating against either metal, or charge for mintage, but the dollar unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, or be adjusted pass. through international agreement, or by such safeguards of legislation as shall insure the maintenance of the parity of the two metals and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the markets, and in payment of debt: and we demand that all paper currency shall be kept at par with and redeem-

able in such coin." That plank not only calls for the repeal of the Sherman law, but declares to be a mistake, one that has been made for free coinage as a substitute. Read frequently, too. But the party has, to it and see. We did not publish the all intents and purposes, been a free entire plank last week, only printing coinage party. Most of the prominent the lines in the middle relating to free men in the party, South and West, coinage, and the Observer brought the metal equally with gold. They suchave been favorable to free coinage for charge of "garbling." We thought dreds of others might be named. The form, and only used enough to serve novel as it was stupendous, and by North Carolina platforms have favored our purpose. But the above is all of

We stand vindicated. Every Conbe the free coinage party. We can go vention except three have declared for only power, was used in enormous pound interest you would have to Coxey, Browne and Jones have been It makes us tired to see certain little back, not thirty years, but one hun free coinage, and the three gave "silence slobbering and sobbing over the death to Congress on the establishment of a what inaccurate, but so near true that little or no injustice was done. Now no self-respecting American is willing, then Secretary of the United States will the Observer be kind enough to it seems, to inquire. (Is this a slander "old and cranky" and said all manner Treasury, said: "To annul the use of re-produce the above, not so much in either of the metals as money is to justice to us as to itself, and for the

## AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

get THE PROGRESSIVE FARME into every ing and instructive matter in addition. for heaven's sake don't withdraw it." the Sherman law, unconditionally. In discouraged, but try, try again.

TOM AND SAM.

If Thomas Jefferson were living he would consider life a failure, for Capt. Sam Ashe would make him long for the solitude of the grave. Tom Jefferson is the daddy of the Democratic party, and Capt. Sam says it was a poor job; that he "can't agree with all of Jefferson's views." But he adds that "were he (Jefferson) now living he would, we believe, stand squarely with us on all our positions."

Now the inference is that a second

edition of Jefferson, revised and im proved, a sort of unabridged affair, is editing the News Observer Chronicle. If Tom Jefferson were living he would probably draw all of his inspirations from that paper. About once a week he would write a piece for the paper signed "A Subscriber," stating that he heartily approved of all that had ap peared in Capt. Sam's paper during the past week; that much of it was new to him, but entirely satisfactory. We can easily believe that Tom would have been kept so busy endorsing all Sam writes that he could never have started "a party with undying princi ples." Therefore it is fortunate for Tom that he lived and made his reputation a hundred years ago. Then, too, he has escaped the Cleveland adminis tration and all its horrors. Tom would have wept several times every day as he witnessed the destruction of the 'money of Abraham," the falling price of farm products and real estate. Tom never saw a railroad train, a steamboat nor a breech-loading shot-gun. But he missed Capt. Sam and this reform ad ministration, and his friends are glad accordingly.

The poor unemployed citizen who goes to Washington to appeal for legislation is denied admitance to the capi tol and clubbed if he insists that he is a common stockholder in the building. But the fat sleek monopolist who goes there with sin in his heart and a few hundred thousand dollars to buy Congressmen who could be bought for 50 cents if they could not get several thousand dollars just as easy, is welcomed and banquetted.

#### SENATOR MORGAN'S GRAVE CHARGES.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, stood very close to Senator Vance during the past fifteen years in the U.S. Senate. They generally voted on the same side. Morgan is a bi-metallist and opposed the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law last fall, making a magnificent speech. He made some grave lation known as the Sherman act of charges in that speech, and was accused

Recently he made a speech in Mont gomery and reiterated the charges, reading from the Congressional Record ious for its repeal. We hold to the that part of the charges characterized as "slanderous." Briefly, the charges standard money of the country, and to were that the money power used immense sums of money to nominate Cleveland and Harrison in preference to all other candidates, knowing that either one of them would use the veto power if any silver legislation should

Here are some quotations from the speech:

"Knowing that the people were aroused and would demand their rights, these conspirators, as an advance movement in the campaign of 1892, set about to capture the control of the veto power, no matter which of the great leading political parties should elect the President. They directed their supreme efforts to the nomination of candidates for the presidency by each party who they knew would use the veto power when needed to prevent restoration of silver as a full money ceeded, and in doing this evil, they into the republic.

sums to control the two national conventions as to their membership and against the Democratic party? They were both included? If it is a slander against either, it is a slander against ding. There are men who know these that the control of the veto power, as Democrats or Republicans should elect their nominees.

They had no bargain or understand. manner. This paper will do this and this, but they nominated men for the give hundreds of columns of entertain- presidency who were committed in public and official utterances to the cept your offer quicker than instantly. his famous speech against the repeal of they will become reformers. Don't be forms. Then in the national conven

made to the people there should be a great show of friendship for silver, resounding promises, glittering general ities and deceptive flatteries which could be complied with as the party fraud in the second section of the Sherman law is complied with by a total subversion of the plain intent of

the law.

"It was a sight to inspire mirth among the dead tenants of the catacombs to see two presidential candidates striving to grasp the scepter of the veto power that they might wield it for the destruction of silver money. and yet professing to be the friends of bimetalism. They led opposing and beligerent forces in joint campaign against silver. In those candidates and in those platforms the coalition began which is now being consummated in Congress for the defeat of the will of the people expressed in every Democratic victory at least since that began to have a history.

"The coalition assumes with good reason that it is in a numerical majority in the Senate."

Owing to the fight made on Senator Morgan since the speech was made, it became necessary for him to defend himself and get the opinions of other Senators. He received the following letter from Senator Hill, of New York Hon. John T. Morgan, U. S. Senate,

Washington, D. C. MY DEAR SENATOR: Your letter of the 18th instant is at hand and contents noted. In compliance with your request I have carefully read the printed speech which you inclosed in your letter, and especially those portions thereof which were marked and to which my attention had been called, which are found on pages 15 and 16. It is my opinion and belief that the statements made by you on the pages in question are substantially correct. I have no doubt that an honest investigation would disclose the truthfulness of your assertions.

"I leave to night for Albany to be gone a week and am getting ready for my departure, and hence am compelled tus briefly to answer your letter. I remain very truly yours,

"DAVID B. HILL" Of the speech Senator Gorman said 'You are correct about all this. heard what you said on the floor of the Senate. If I could have objected to it I would have risen and done so, but I could not do it. I could give you a written statement, but in doing so would implicate other gentlemen, and I have not their authority to do so."

Senator Morgan also read letters from Mr. Brice and Senator Aldrich. both of whom were "on the inside" in political matters in 1892, and they confirmed his statements unreservedly. And yet those corruptionists expect people to vote for their nominees again. Will the American people act the fool again?

Our Republican friends solemnly aver that protection gives us prosperous times and enables manufacturers to keep their mills going and pay good wages. Our Democrat friends are just as solemn in their declarations that a | them back, clubbed a few, and arrested low tariff will do the same thing. And Coxey, Carl Brown and C. C. Jones, yet the organs of both parties ridicule | three of the leaders. They gave bond any other propositions and solemnly declare that "it is paternal;" that the tor Allen, Congressman Pence and government can do nothing to help the Lawyer Lipscomb, of Washington, people. Since we were old enough to know the difference between salt and | Lipscomb held that Coxey did nothing sugar we have watched all these fellows, and studied them, and we are forced to believe that there is but little sincerity in any of their statements.

## WHO WILL ANSWER?

The average inhabitant of North Carolina, by combining his labor with his capital, added 27.95 per cent. to his overruled everything, and, as the men wealth, that is he increased each \$100 thirty years. Vance, Morgan and hun- everybody was familiar with the plat. flicted upon the people a wrong as of his wealth to \$127.95 in the ten years from 1880 to 1890, according to the last means that threaten the utmost danger | census reports. Leaving the ten years labor out of the calculation, work it that he saw fully a thousand people "Money, which is their power, their out and tell us at what rate of com- trampling down shrubbery, but only charge in order to increase \$100 to arrested. Jones was discharged to day \$127.95 in ten years? Let us hear from and the trial of Coxey and Browne the nominations. How much was used you. This is an important question and should be settled.

## THEY WERE FROM MARYLAND.

The country bride and bridegroom. with clothing crackingly new, walked both, not one.) The subject is forbid- lovingly hand in hand down the broad hotel dining-room, two souls with but facts, but there are none who are wil- a single thought, and blindly oblivious Friends, are you doing all you can to ling to disclose them. The result was to all things else but each other in this great, happy earth of ours. Almost crowded on one chair, he fondly fed her as the parent bird its little chick. "Darling," he murmuringly clucked, "shall I skin ye a pertater?" "No, deary," she gurgled, "I've one already skun."- Washington Post.

### REYNOLDS' INCUBATOR JOKE.

Old Gentleman (genially) to lady surrounded by a bevy of youngsters: 'And are all these fine children yours?"

Maiden Lady: "Certainly not; how dare you, sir? Do you take me for an tions they took care that in the pledges incubator?"- Winston Sentinel.

NEW YORK TELLS THE SENATE TO JUMP AND IT JUMPS.

The Revised, Amended, Murdered, Unrecognizable Wilson Bill to go Through -The Majority Have Yielded to the Minority-Coxey's Army -- Other Notes [Special Cor. PROGRESSIVE FARMER.]

Washington, D. C., May 5, '94, On Thursday night an immense meeting of New York bankers and plutocrats was held at Cooper Union New York. Speech-making was in order. Such men as Charles S. Fair. child, Oscar S. Straus, James C. Car. ter, Frederick R. Coudert, and Wil. liam L. Trenholm made talks. The sum and substance was that Congress must act on the tariff bill and act at

The effect of this meeting was notice. able at once. We had been told that the tariff racket would not end before the first of June or later. The meeting at Cooper Union changed the song. Fri. day morning the papers announced that the Senate was ready to vote and the fight was at an end.

Now what is the true inwardness of all this? How did the Senatora become united so quickly? The orators in the Cooper Union meeting declared that the Senate must act to prevent disaster; that the country is suffering greatly for want of tariff legislation To the average greenhorn it appears that these New York men favor tariff reform; that they were uging Congress to act for the benefit of the whole peo. ple. Here are the facts: These New Yorkers are high protectionists at heart, though some of them have affilliated with the Democratic party, They opposed tariff reform until the Wilson bill, sorry enough at first, was cut all to pieces, murdered and left for dead; waited until it was in shape to suit those who reap a golden harvest out of protection and then ordered Congress to get a move on them, and they all, with one accord, obeyed the voice of their masters. The vote may be taken at any time now.

In the Senate the majority have yielded to the minority and the fraudulent tariff bill is the result. A majority of the Senators were professedly tariff reformers. But five or six were from protection States and they were unvielding in the demands for protection. The Sugar Trust made the first break in the ranks and every other industry followed. A select committee of demons from hades might possibly concoct a fraud equal to the present tariff bill, but they could not excell it.

The income tax feature has been cut up and stricken out until it is worthless. Only corporations can be reached, and we all know that the managers of corporations and trusts are frequently the champion liars of the day and they will not hesitate to swear anything or do anything necessary to avoid the

Doubtless most of your readers know that Coxey and about 600 men attempted to march up on the Capitol steps last Tuesday. The police forced and the trial was set for Friday. Senavolunteered to defend the men. Mr. except try to reach the top of the Capitol steps and make a speech, and said there was no constitutional law to punish him or his associates, Congressman Vorhis, of New York, told the judge that there was nothing in it except possibly slight damage to shrubbery during the melee, but the judge

asked for trial by jury, one was empanelled. 'The trial continued all day yesterday and to day. One policeman testified continued over till Monday. It will likely end in a farce, as the men are guilty of no crime.

DAVY CROCKETT.

STILL GETTING ELECTION NEWS

As the news continues to come in it shows that the Democratic party has gone Republican by a large majority. -Farmers' Voice.

# WILL BE FORGIVEN.

The tobacco-growers of North Caro lina will be interested in knowing that the Attorney General of Illinois has instituted proceedings to force the American Tobacco Company-otherwise the cigarette trust -out of that State, upon the ground that it is doing business in violation of the State statutes and is obnoxious to the common law. If he will put every devil of them in jail, including those who sit in amen corners. build churches and endow colleges, all will be forgiven.—Charlotte Observer.